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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMMENTS ON RHODESIAN ATTACK ON
MOZAMBIQUE

1. AT RECEPTION YESTERDAY, SOVIET AMBASSADOR EVSIUKOV EXPRESSED TO ME HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT SHOWED NO INTEREST IN RAISING MATTER OF RHODESIAN RAID IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. EVSIUKOV WAS CERTAIN RHODESIAN RAID WOULD HAVE BEEN UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNED BY ALL SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. IN EVSIUKOV'S OPINION THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO MOZAMBIQUE.

2. EVSIUKOV SAID HE IS "AMAZED" AT HOW PATIENT MACHEL HAS BEEN IN FACE OF THESE RAIDS -- "TO PATIENT" IN HIS ESTIMATION, THEN ADDED THAT "MOZAMBIQUE HAS FRIENDS, AND ITS FRIENDS ARE READY TO HELP." IN THIS CONTEXT, EVSIUKOV ASKED IF I HAD SEEN THE TEXT OF THE SOVIET STATEMENT ON THE RAID. I SAID I HAD READ
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ONLY THE REPORT IN NOTICIAS, BUT EVSIUKOV QUICKLY POINTED OUT THAT NOTICIAS HAD FAILED TO PRINT THE FULL TEXT, WHICH HE FOUND SURPRISING. ACCORDING EVSIUKOV, MISSING PART OF STATEMENT MADE REFERENCE TO SOVIET-MOZAMBIQUE FRIENDSHIP TREATY, SOME OF CLAUSES OF WHICH WERE "SIGNIFICANT" IN PRESENT SITUATION.

3. WHEN QUESTION OF FRIENDSHIP TREATY CAME UP, I ASKED EVSIUKOV

IF HE COULD TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT REPORTS CIRCULATING IN MAPUTO OF RECENT DELIVERIES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO NACALA. EVSIUKOV ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REPORTS WERE TRUE, BUT DOWNPLAYED THEM BY SAYING THAT "OF COURSE WE ARE PROVIDING FRELIMO WITH MILITARY EQUIPMENT."

4. COMMENT: BOTH IN TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF WHAT HE SID, IT CLEAR EVSIUKOV PERSONALLY IS UNHAPPY THAT MACHEL DID NOT REQUEST A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THAT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CALL PUBLIC ATTENTION T HELP WHICH MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM MOZAMBIQUE'S FRIENDS. WHETHER HE MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO MACHEL I DO NOT KNOW.
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